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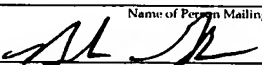
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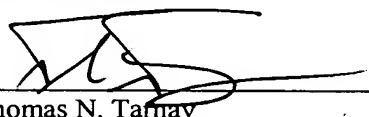
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- 2) Japanese Patent Publication No. 53-22673 B (1978);
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- 5) Linnemeier, U.S. Patent No. 4,854,738, issued August 8, 1989;
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